

REMARKS

I. The Allowed Claims

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-13 are allowable.

II. The Section 102 Rejection of Claim 14

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) based on newly cited Ostman et al., U.S. Patent Publication Application No. 2003/0039230 (“Ostman”). Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Claim 14 includes the feature of separately decoding a portion of coded information before a remainder of the coded information is decoded. Ostman does not disclose this feature.

In the embodiment of Ostman cited by the Examiner (paragraph [0048]) Ostman appears to disclose a method where a mobile station must decode information from many secondary control channels (“SCCH(s)”). While doing so a mobile device detects many CRC codes or “mobile station identifier(s)”. If a CRC code or identifier matches a specific code or identifier associated with the mobile device, then the mobile device knows that the particular SCCH that transmitted the matching code or identifier is the SCCH that will be transmitting information intend for the mobile device.

It appears from the Office Action that the Examiner is taking the position that Ostman's detection of a CRC code is akin to decoding a portion of coded information before a remainder of the coded information can be decoded as in claim 14. Applicants disagree.

Ostman does not describe the detection and comparison of CRC codes as being completed prior to the detection or decoding of other information within a SCCH. In fact, it appears to be silent altogether with respect to the relationship between the detection/comparison of CRC codes or identifiers and other information within SCCHs.

Accordingly, because Ostman does not disclose each and every feature of claim 14 it cannot anticipate claim 14 under §102(e). Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claim 14.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John E. Curtin at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3777 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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